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President's summary

Annual report of the Secretary-General

(Agenda item 4)

1. The Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD noted that she was presenting the agenda item on behalf of the Secretary General of UNCTAD, who had wished to be present but was regrettably undertaking an official mission. She was confident that she would be able to respond to any questions from delegations. Drawing on the statement of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD delivered in relation to the agenda item,¹ the Deputy Secretary-General highlighted areas where UNCTAD had made significant contributions, including work to support the creation of the African Continental Free Trade Area, process of graduation of the least developed countries, financing for economic development and bridging the digital divide.

2. Some delegates praised the annual report of the Secretary-General, while requesting more information on results-based management, budget and consensus-building. One delegation requested clarification on the significant amount of technical cooperation expenditures focused on Sustainable Development Goal 9. The Deputy Secretary-General responded that the secretariat had tried to take the requests of all stakeholders into consideration in preparing the annual report. Expenditures on Sustainable Development Goal 9 were primarily extrabudgetary resources committed to the Automated System for Customs Data programme, the largest technical cooperation programme of UNCTAD. She suggested that delegates should read the statement in relation to the agenda item and the *UNCTAD Annual Report 2017*, which was structured to report on UNCTAD activities on the basis of the Sustainable Development Goals and included examples of the impact UNCTAD work had directly on communities in developing countries.

¹ Delivered by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD on 4 June 2018 at the opening plenary meeting of the sixty-fifth session, part I, of the Trade and Development Board. Copies of the statement were distributed in the conference room.